

Station Adopters Report for Parish Council 9th March 2020

... Working parties continue to meet monthly. We will be preparing the beds for planting more shrubs and perennials.

... The lights on the platform continue to cause a problem to local residents. Stuart Freer has just confirmed that Greater Anglia will complete works on 15 March and will include technology that guides the light down toward the platform (but must cover full height of the train) and movement sensors that decreases the light output to 10% when there is no platform occupancy.

...A meeting was held at the station on 24th Feb with Fran Rayleigh (art teacher at Thomas Gainsborough School) members of the parish council and June Povey (Community Rail Support Officer) to consider painting a mural on the wall of the car park. Fran is keen to lead her art students on the project. June Povey has subsequently met with Greater Anglia, Wayne Simmons to discuss the proposed mural and review the wall. He advised that the first step is to get approval from the Heritage Officer and agreed that the wall was in poor condition and would need skimming however it probably wouldn't be a high priority as the wall serves its function. Greater Anglia may contribute to the cost, and he advised that as it was not trackside, station adopters could probably do the wall themselves if they wished to, using normal station adopter risk assessments. I am in contact with the heritage officer and am awaiting a response before any decision is made to proceed.

... We meet regularly with other station adopter groups and with Alan Neville, June Povey and Jayne Summer who keep us up to date with news and they prove to be useful forums for information exchange. Bures hosted the coffee morning on 6th March in the barn on the common for 18 station adopters which was a great success.

...Jan Airies is leading a walk along the Gainsborough line with June Povey on March 14th which has generated lots of interest.

...There will be a music train on our line on June 13th and local Sudbury musician Ben Smith has agreed to perform.

...A date has been arranged for Tuesday 5th May to bring a group from Ferriers Barn to the station to look at possible problems with disabled access to the platform. June Povey and Jayne Sumner will be joining us between 10am and 1.30pm.

...We are still waiting for new notice boards to be erected on the waiting room which will be coloured green.

...our group were asked if we could assist with planting flowers at Chappel and Wakes Colne station as they were without any station adopters however we have now assisted them in setting up their own group and they now have 5 members and no longer need our support.

...Steven Binks has kindly replaced the damaged print in the waiting room of the Bury St Edmunds signal box and donated a new one and has had it reframed.

...CCTV has been installed on the platform but we are awaiting signs to be fitted to alert the public before it will be operational.

...there are now two bird boxes in the trees and a bug box in the wildlife area behind the ticket machine.

Mary Turner.